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**VIA ECF**

Honorable James R. Cho  
United States Magistrate Judge  
United States District Court  
Eastern District of New York  
225 Cadman Plaza East  
Brooklyn, New York 11201

Re: Hough v. Maraj and Petty; Case No. 21-cv-04568-ENV-JRC

Dear Magistrate Judge Cho:

Because I am still recovering from a bout of pneumonia, I write to request that I be excused from tomorrow's conference in the above-referenced case. Alternatively, I ask that the conference be rescheduled.

Candidly, attending tomorrow's conference will not pose a threat to my health, and I will of course do so if directed by the Court. However, I am still experiencing both considerable fatigue and some breathing difficulties such that traveling from my home in Connecticut to Brooklyn will be a hardship. Since Ms. Maraj is no longer a party except as to the issue of sanctions, her litigation issues are distinct from Mr. Petty's. Hence, the Court, if it deems it appropriate, could meet with Mr. Blackburn and Mr. Isser tomorrow and then schedule a separate conference for me and Mr. Blackburn.

Respectfully,

Judd Burstein

cc: All Counsel (via ECF)